

Collaborating with the Private Bar to Improve Public Health

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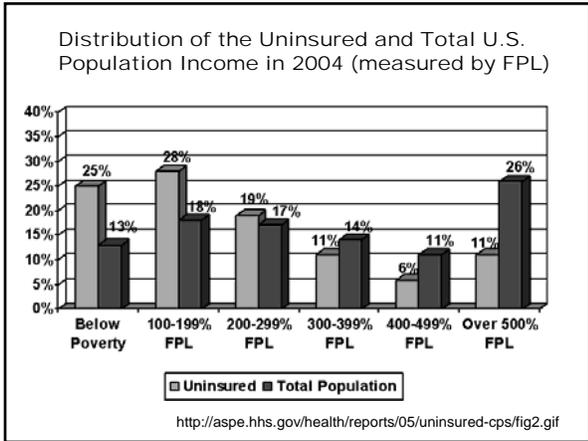
Overview

- 1. Poverty is a public health issue**
 - Poverty impedes access to health care
 - Poverty contributes to poor health
- 2. Lawyers can address many poverty-related health issues.**
- 3. Private Bar is a willing and able collaborator in promoting the public's health in poor communities.**

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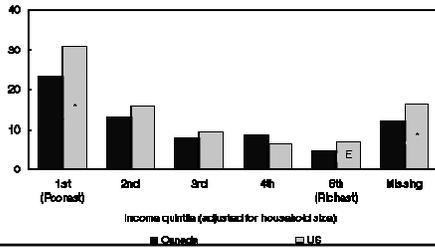
- **Lack of Job**

Poverty impedes access to health care



Health is not just about access to health care

- **Poverty itself contributes to poor health**
- Fair/poor general health by household income quintile, Canada & US, 2002 to 2003



Poverty contributes to poor health



Poverty contributes to poor health

- Homelessness

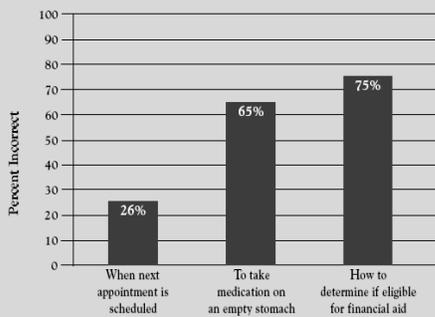


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- Education

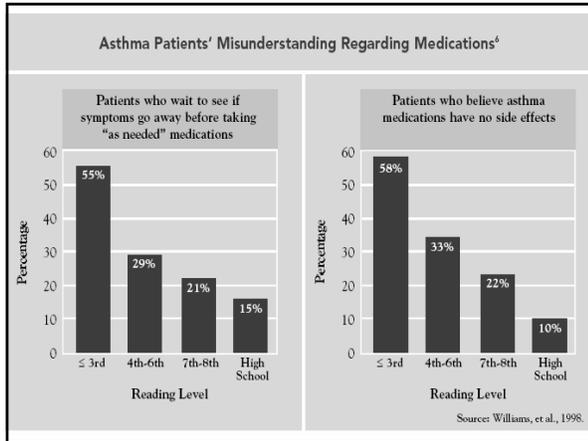


Many Public Hospital Patients* Do Not Understand Basic Health Care Information⁴



*% of 979 low-income patients

Source: Williams, et al., 1995.



Poverty contributes to poor health

- **Hunger**
- **Malnutrition**
- **Failure to thrive**




Poverty contributes to poor health

- **Violence**




What is the solution?

Lawyers can address many poverty-related health issues:

- Medicaid
- Employment
- Consumer
- Education
- Food stamps
- Domestic violence



Private Bar as Resource

- Private Bar is a willing and able collaborator in promoting the public's health in poor communities





- **Partners – Lawyers**
 - Children's Healthcare of Atlanta – In-house
 - Atlanta Legal Aid Society
 - Georgia State College of Law
- **Private Bar – Lawyers**
 - Advisory Council
 - Pro Bono Network
